

Newcastle on Tyne
November 22 - 1855.

Dear Friend May,

A thousand thanks for
the Annual Report. And
what a splendid production
it is! Who would not rather
have written it than the Acts
of the Apostles? Indeed it is
a record of the Acts of Apo-
stles & prophets; with sprink-
lings of the sayings & doings
of the Devil & his angels, in the
persons of Mr Leam, Hare,
Green & the rest of them!

I am very proud of this peer-
less document, & have recom-
mended it as far as possi-
ble. Some allusions to my
humble self & services, are the
only embarrassment I feel
in so doing. My friends,
I trust they see some good
in me. I think the Search-
er of Hearts knows how earnest-
ly I wish to deserve the kindly
words which are spoken of me,

by my excellent coadjutors in the work.

I have just published an article in the Scottish Press on the American Board. Miss Wigham has obtained a large number of ships for distribution. I have remodelled the most of it, & have sent it to the Advocate as one of my series. It is hardly worth a place in the Liberator, but should it be copied, will you not ask Mr. Garrison to take it from the Advocate. It will be in the number for December.

On my way from Edinburgh I called again at Melrose, not to see ruined Abbeys this time but a living, moving Anti-Slavery Lady - Miss Lane of the Young Ladies School - She and her pupils have sent some things in the Edinburgh Boxes for the Bazaar - Perhaps Miss Weston already knows her

and sends her the Bazaar to
port.

I have just spent a week
in the old border town of Sea-
burgh, and I think scattered
some good seed there. A
Ladies Bazaar Committee
was organized and several
subscribed for the A.S. Advo-
cate. Miss Young of High Street
is the person who should
be known in Boston.

New Castle does nothing
again this year. The Anti-
Slavery influence is the
best, but I expect they are
scarcely able to keep their own
heads above water. Mrs. New-
son is a noble hearted, warm
man, but has a whole lap
full of little girls - four very
near of a likeness, & none of
them very big, & one, a baby.
I am to harbor a week here,
& will see what can be done.
Every evening is engaged, so
that a lecture is out of the ^{question} _{guest}.

The people here just now
are quite agitated about
the war prospects with the
United States - I tell them to
wait till slavery is abolished
before they distress themselves
about such a calamity.

We are waiting with some
impatient interest, the event
of the Massachusetts State Elec-
tion. Perhaps it is a malicious
mistake of mine, but I cannot
help hoping for the good of the Cause
that Abolitionism will return
& resume its reign there. Here
soil Plutisecism is more
distasteful to me, than the public
& has lots of Abolitionism. By the
way I liked Mr. Higginson's speech
very much at the celebration
of the "Paper & Slaving" mob. He
has grown admirably since you
and I once encountered him in
Worcester, defending politicians
and denouncing us as the im-
practicables. Parts of his speech
were excellent. He sees as I do
about the prospects for the future.

I had right to be at that celebration. My first Anti Slavery Act was in connexion with that Mob. I was a subscriber to the Boston Recorder at the time, and had just entered the Falmouth Theological Seminary. My payments were always made in March, so that at the time of the Mob, I was scarcely in the middle of the year. But I at once wrote to the Editor. That his course towards that outrage, had lost me his confidence, and I would rather have my postage money for the rest of the year, than his paper, & begged him to discontinue it. It never came afterwards.

For proceedings at that Meeting must have been very interesting. They come to us in this week's Liberator. By some extracts from the Bogle, I see that our friend Foster & Joseph Barker committed a concussion at Salem.

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It is sad to say it, but I cannot
defend Joseph Barker's course
in this country so well as in
our own - And I do not much
approve of him there. But
he did make very crooked
paths here before he removed
to America - Did you see
his letter in a late "Reasoner"
renouncing all "Faith, Hope and
Charity" towards the United States?
It was a singular production.
I presume Miss Estlin & Miss
Wigham will keep you informed
about the gipseying of Julia Fris-
tiths. I hear little of her lately.

There is nothing further of
special interest, so with my
kindest regards to your family,
and our friends of the Office,
among whom I would not for-
get the Jettingtons, I subscribe
my dear friend

Your most devoted friend

Oliver Pillsbury

Rev. Samuel May

Boston